Song of the Flakes. We are the flakes that kiss, that sting; We are the flakes that soothe, that

thrill; Ruddy, live blood to cheek we bring; We smother the dead in church yard

hill;
And, at the King's will, are soft or chill.
Aye, for a flake's but a tiny thing.
And ever a breath may warm, may kill;
And we are ermine to robe the King.

"Lot the couriers, high n-wing.

Blow the trumpets of winter, shrill;
And all the valleys of Cloudland ring.
Our vassal millions obey the trill—
Obey the King's will, his mandate bill;
And laugh: for rain's but coin to fling.
To miser sprites of occum and rill;
And we are ermine to robe the King."

Thus, down the day, I heard them sing:
Saw them flutter and dance their all;
Drop to whiten, or swirl to elling
High on the roof or low on the sill,
Or weight the hedges and branches still,
Their song came soother than song of

spring: "Tis the King's will; 'tis the King' And we are ermine to robe the King."

ENVOY. Brothers, who writhe for good, through

Ill,
Bend to their song with welcoming:
For what's a soul but a flake to spill—
"And we are ermine to robe the King,"
—Henry D. Muir

At the Woman's Club.

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Current events, in which the world at large has been interested recently, were discussed from a most interesting and comprehensive standpoint at the Woman's Club Monday afternoon.

To Miss Carrie Lee Campbell, chairman of the afternoon, the club was indebted for the arrangement of a delightful and instructive programme. Miss Josephine McLeed made it plain to her hearers that the golden age of the cartoon had dawned with the twentich century, and that the pencil of the cartoonist constantly vitalized points dwelt upon by prominent journalistic, writers throughout the country, so that if one should rend an editorial and turn to the cartoon in a big dally journal, one might recken upon speedy illumination is to the passing of important events in the body, politic, commercial, social, in the army and in the navy.

Mr. John P. Kennedy followed Miss McLeod, and dwelt upon the importance of the Trans-Siberlan Railway as a factor in the Russian situation in the East. It is needless to say that Mr. Konnedy's talk turned on a phase of current events that proved most enthrailing in interest. There is nothing towards which public attention is more importantly drawn at present than toward education. Consequently Professor S. C. Mitchell's views on "Education in Virginia" were heard with the closest attention, as from a man actively engaged in work as an educator, and one who, through his experience, knew the sallent points of the subject he discussed.

A large number were present at the club, guests of the afternoon being Mrs. F. T. McFraden, Mrs. Oscar Barney, Mrs. Lee Patterson, Mrs. J. P. Kennedy, Misses Christian and Miss Caroline Holladay, Mrs. J. Taylor, Elyson and Mrs. Jackson Guy presided at the lea and coffee tables.

Ye Old Booke Shop.

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"Old Booke Shop" will be opened home of Mrs. Malvern C. Patterson, in the home of Mrs. Malvern C. Patterson, No. 110 East Franklin Street, ou March 14th, and a "booke sale" will be conducted under the auspices of the Circle of King's Daughters, of which Mrs. Patterson is leader, Mrs. Katle Blankenship is treasurer of the circle. Members include Mrs. Abram Warwick, Mrs. Alext Sanda, Miss Elizabeth Patterson, Mrs. William Tompidns, Mrs. J. P. Kennedy, Miss Belle Johnson, Mrs. H. B. Watkins, Mrs. E. R. Chesterman, Mrs. Eugene Carroll, and others.

The proceeds of the sale will be devoted to paying the expenses of a feeble-minded child that the King's Daughters minded child that the King's Daughters are sending to Lorenta Training School.

All kinds of old books, cook books, histories, poems, novels, works on art and music will be most gratefully received. Old magazines, children's books—in short, old books of any class will be gratefully received, and the ladies beg for a generous and speedy response from all inclined tok-charity or interested in the good works of the circle.

Meeting Postponed.

e meeting of the Junior Oakwood Asso-on is postponed from Wednesday, the 1st, to Tuesday, March 7th. The ing will be held with Mrs. D. P. Ed-is, at No. 209 North Twenty-pinth

Old Folks' Concert.

"Old Folks' Concert" will be given Friday evening, March 3d, at No East Grace Street, just one square from the car line.

institution, the work of which appeals to all, and especially to the members of the various circles throughout the city. It is believed and hoped that the concert will be largely and profitably attended.

Starke-St. John.

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The wedding this afternoon of Miss Abbie Moore St. John. daughter of Mrs. St. John and the late Jeane Monroe St. John and Mr. Wullnee W. Starke, Jr., of Norfolk, is of widespread interest to their many friends here. The ceremony will be performed at 8 o'clock P. M. today, in the bride's home, in Fredericksburg.

burg.

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HERE once was a time when, as old songs prove it, The earth was not round, but an endless plain;

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But the schools must come, with their scales and measures, To limit the visions and weigh the spells; They scoffed at the dreams and the rainbow treasures

And circled the world in their parallels; They charted the vales and the sunny meadows, Where a poet might ride for a year and a day; They sounded the depths and they pierced the shadows, Of that wonderful country far away.

For fancies they gave us their microscopics; For knowledge, a rubble of fact and doubt; Wing-broken and caged, like a bird from the tropics, Romance at the wandering stars looked out. Cold Reason, they said, is the earthly Eden; Go, study its springs, and its ores assay; But fairer the flowers and fields forbidden

They questioned the slumbering baby's laughter, And cautioned its elders to dream by rule; All mysteries past and to come hereafter Were settled and solved in their common school But sweeter the streams and the wild birds singing,

Of that wonderful country far away.

The friendships and loves that were true alway; The gladness unseen, like a far bell ringing, In that wonderful country far away.

Nay, not in their reason our dear illusion, But truer than truths that are measured and weighed-

O, land of the spirit! where no intrusion From bookmen or doubters shall aye be made! There still breaks the murmuring sea to greet us On shadowy valley and peaceful bay;

And souls that were truest still wait to meet us In that wonderful country far away.





A most attractive programme, arranged with great care for the evening, will include singing by a fine quartette and a recitation by a talented young Richmond electionist. Those who appear on the programme will take the names of the old time people they represent.

The concert will be for the benefit of the Sheltering Arms Hospital, a charitable institution, the work of which appeals to all, and especially to the members of the various circles throughout the city. It is bedieved and hoped that the concert will be largely and profitably at Dinner Dance.

The dinner dance to be given to-night at the Chamberlin, Old Point Comfort, promises to be one of the most elaborate affairs of the season. It will be a subscription dance, and a large crowd is expected from the neighboring cities. An elegant and elaborate dinner will be served at midnight.

Dancing Reception.

The members of the Virginia Club, in Norfolk, have issued invitations to a dancing reception to be held at their club rooms on March 2d. The roof garden, which has been claborately decorated, will be used, and the orchestra will furnish music for dapcing until a late hour these contertainments are always looked forward to with much pleasure, as they bring together the young society people of Norfolk and vicinity.

"Mecklenburg" Fox Hunt.

The date of March 22d to 25th, inclusive, has been set for a grand Twinsive, has been set for a grand Twinsive, has been set for a grand Twinsive, the states fox chase at Chase City. Invitations will soon be extended to all well known clubs in Virginia and North Carolina to be present with their dogs and mounts, and ample provision has been made to make this a mecca of meets, as it is for sportsifts in general. Dancing Reception.

cral.

There are some thirty best bred and trained dogs in the kennels there, and with those expected from such points as Richmond, Norfolk, Williamsburg, Petersburg, Durham and Lynchburg, there will probably be 150 dogs in the field after the live foxes that abound thereabouts.

This possible, Class Class.

University Glee Club. The University of Virsinia musical clubs will give a concert on Tuesday evening. Maych 7th, at the Academy of Music. Norfolk, Va. The clubs are unusually strong this year, and have already presented a programme in Rich-

mond, which pleased a very large audience. This concert will be a social and musical event of great pleasure, and is Eliza-Litha friends in these clubs.

Gay-Bickers.

Miss Julia Bickers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Bickers, and Mr. William Dempsoy Gay will be mayied this evening at 9 clock in Trinity Methodist Ppiscopal Church. Mr. Gay is a member of the Richmond bar.

Snidow-Slaughter.

The marriage of Miss Sadie Patton, daughter of Mrs. Eugenia Slaughter, of Barboursville, to Mr. William Bain Snidow, Commonwealth's attorney of Giles county, will take place to-day in the Episcopal Church at Barboursville, Orange county,

Naumann-Spurr.

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Personal Mention.

Mrs. And Evans, who recently returned to Richmond after spending the winter north, has been quite sick for some time at he residence of her father, Captain, Andrew Pizzini, 900 Fleyd Avenue.

Mrs. Mattle L. Richardson left for Norfolk yesterday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Isanc, W. Enson, of that city, Two weddings of interest to Americans will take place this week. The first is the wedding of Lady Magheramorne in Hugo Baring on March 1st. The wedding was originally to take place at Lord Shaftesbury's country seat in Dorsetshire, but was changed to a small church near the Marble Arch, Hdyo Park, London.

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Mr. Hugo and Lady Evelyn Harling, so she will be called, will sail for New ork, where Mr. Hugo will resume his ork in the American branch of Baring's ank, while his bride establishes hereilf as a New York hostess.

To-day Mrs. Alice Atherion Blight, of ow York, will be married to Mr. Herard owther, brother of the Right Hon. J. Lowther and British Minister to orocco.

Morocco, the second entry expected that Mr. Lowther will, in the near, future, secure recognition from his sovereign, and that Mrs. Lowther will be added to the already long list of titled American women.

The engagement is announced of Miss Clara Eugenia Tinsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tinsley, of Gloucester county, to Mr. Losile Garnett, of Mathews Courthouse. Mr. Garnett is the son of Judge H. T. Garnett.

Mrs. C. W. P. Brock is the recipient of much attention in Norfolk, where she is visiting. On Tuesday afternoon she was the guest of honor at whist at the residence of Mrs. Hugh N. Pago in Granby Street, and Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jones entertained in her honor at their apartments in the Vendome. . . .

Mrs. H. H. Harris, of Richmond Col-lege, is the guest of Mrs. S. B. Williams, 511 Church Street, Lynchburg.

Miss Isabel McCluer, of Buena Vista, is visiting her aunt in Richmond.

Mrs. W. H. Huband, of East Highland Avenue, Brambleton, Norfolk, has been called to Richmond by the Illness of her brother.

Mrs. W. J. Eskow, of Charleston, W. Va. Is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank S. Woodson, at 216 East Franklin Street,
The third series of the whist parties under the auxplees of the Belli Ahaba Landios' Auxillary will begin at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Jenerson Club.

CHAPTER II-Continued.

"That's all, I have been able to learn thus far. It isn't very much, but it shows we are on the right track. By the way, Doc, I'm going to change that ad, to-morrow, offering treatment by letter, Perhaps our man is too shy to apply in person. At all events we'll give the other method a trial."

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THE EPISODE OF THE DARKENED ROOM.
CHAPTER III.

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Circot II.

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The new advertisement duly appeared and on the next day, which was Wednesday—I remember it because it was my hospital day—I received several written answers, and among them, one in which I felt confident I recognized the peculiar z's and t's of Weltz and Rizzi. I took it at once to Maitland. He glanced at it a moment and then impulsively grasped my hand. By Jove, Doc!" he excludined, "It his crafty fox doesn't seent the hound, we shall soon run him to carth. You see he has given no address and signs a new name. We are to write to Carl Cazenove, General Delivery, Boston. Good! we will do so at once, and I will then arrange with the postal authorities to notify me when they deliver the letter. Of course, this will necessitate a continuous watch, perhaps for several days, of the general delivery, window. It is hardly likely our crafty friend will himself call for the letter, so it will be imperative that someone be constanty on hand to shadow whomsoever he may send as a substitute. May I depend on your assistance in this matter?"

"I will stand by you till we see the thing through." I said, "though I have to live in the Postoffice a month."

Well, I wrote and mailed the decoy letter and Maitland explained the situation to the postal authorities, who

in this matter? I said, "though I have to live in the Postoffice a month." Well, I wrote and mailed the decay letter and Mailtand explained the simulation to the postal authorities, who furnished us a comfortable place inside and near the general delivery window. They promised to notify us when anyone called for our letter. Our vigil was not a very long one. On Thursday aftermoon the postal clerk signalled to us that Carl Guzenove's mail had been asked for, and, while he was consuming as much time as possible in finding our letter. Mailtand and I quietly stopped out into the corridor. The sight that more our gaze was one for which we had not been at all propared. There at the window stood a beautiful young girl just on the verge of womanhood. Her frank hile eyes met mine with the utmost candor us I passed by her so that she should be between Mailtand and me, and thus unable to elude us, whichever way she turned upon leaving the window. We had previously planned how we should shadow our quarry, one on each side of the street in order not to attract attention, but these tenties seemed to be'enticyl unnecessary, for the young lady did not have the slightest suspicion tilat anyone could be in the least interested in her movements. She walked lelsurely along, stopping now occasionally to gaze at the shop windows and never once turning to look back. She did not even concent the letter, but held it in her hand with her porte-monnale, and I could see that the address was uppermost A strange sensation came over me as I dogged her steps. I felt as an assassin must feel who tracks his victim into some lonely shot where he may dare to strike him. It was useless for me to tell myself the hour said of justice and engaged in an honorable errand. A single glance at the girls delicate face, as frank and open as the morning light, brought the hot blush of shame to my cheek. In following her I dimiy felt that, in some way, I was seeking to associate her with vell, which seemed, little less than sacrilege. I could do nothing, howe

both saw her enter a house at its farther end.

George glanced hastily up at the house and then said, as he selzed me impatiently by the arm: "It's a tenement house; come on, the chase is not up yet; we, too, inust go in!"

So in we went. The young lady had disappeared, but as we entered we heard a door close on the floor above, and felt sure we knew where she had gone. Yo mounted the stairs as noiselessly as possible and listened in the hall. We could distinguish a woman's votce and occasionally that of a man, but we could not hear what passed between them. On cur right there was a door partly afar, Maltiand pushed it open, and looked in. The room was empty and unfurnished.

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PATTERN DEP. THE TIMES-DISPATCH.

with the exception of a diapidated stove which stood against the partition separating this room from the one the young lady had entered. Maitland beckoned to me and I followed him into the room. There was a key on the Inside of the door which he noiselessly turned in the lock. He then began to livestigate the premises. Three other rooms communicated with the one of which we had taken possession, forming evidently a salte which had been let for housekeeping. Everything was in ill repair, as is the case with most of the cheap tenemnts in this locality. The previous tenant had not thought it necessary to clean the apartments whe nquitting thom—for altruism does not flourish at the North End—but had been content to leave all the dirt for the next occupant.

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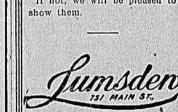
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at this North End-but had been content to leave all the dirt for the next occupant.

When we had finished reconnoliting we returned to the room we first entered, which apparently was the kitchen. We could still hear the voices, but not distinctly. "Do you stay here, Doc," whispered Maitland, "while I get into some old clothes and hunt up the landlord of this place, I'm going to rent these rooms long enough to acquaint myself with my neighbors on the other side of the wall. I'll be back soon. Don't let any man leave that room without your knowing where he goes." With this he left me and I soon found a way to busy myself in his absence. In the wall above the stove, where the pipe passed through the partition into our neighbor's apartment, there was a chink large enough to permit me, when mounted upon the stove, to overlook the greater part of the adjacent room. I availed myself of this privilege, though not without those same twinges of conscience which I had felt some minutes before when following the young lady. The apartment was poorly furnished, and yet, despite this scantiness of appointment, there was unmistakable evidence of retinement. Everything visible in the room was scrupulously nent and the few pictures that adorned the walls, while they were inexpensive half-tones, were yet reproductions of masterplees. In the center of the opposite side of which sat the man who had answered my letter. STEEL DIE-STAMPED

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